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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Letter on Kampiles Case

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1. A year ago September we sent a letter to the chief Executive Officers of all corporations with which we have contractual relationships on a classified basis. We were complaining about the  case and asking for improvement in security.

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2. Since then we have been embarrassed by the Kampiles case. I don't doubt that a number of the recipients of my September 1977 letter are smirking a bit in recognition that we've had a case of security breakdown as injurious as was  I wonder if it isn't fitting that we send another letter to those chief Executive Officers and eat some crow. I'd be happy to acknowledge that our performance in the Kampiles case was not the best and to give them a summary of what transpired because they've heard all sorts of distorted stories in the press including a very brief damage assessment. We could then go on also to thank them for the actions we've seen them take over the last year and a quarter. This would let us get in a few licks for what still needs to be done next and on an upbeat note of cooperation.

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3. I'd appreciate your giving this some thought.

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cc: General Counsel  
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